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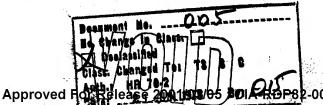
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- The new Czech Commercial Attache to Albania, Jiri Novacek and his wife, Vlasta Novackova, arrived in Durres on the SS ALBATROS, Italian registry, which docked on or about 25 April. They were welcomed by the chief (sic) of the Czech Legation in Tirana, as well as unidentified Albanian authorities.
- On arrival at Durres, an Albanian guard was placed on board the ALBATROS. The guards ridiculed the crew's subjugation to "decadent capitalism" while the Italian crew claimed that they had more freedom, better food and better clothing than the Albanians. Consequently, a double guard was placed on board to control the ship's officers and crew. In addition, the ship personnel was forbidden to leave the vessel or to contact Albanians unless required by unloading and loading operations.

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